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SUBJECT: FRENCH FILM ON PANAMA CANAL

1. FRENCH THIRD NETWORK HAS PRIVATELY SCREENED FOR EMBASSY A BASICALLY WELL DONE THREE HOUR TWO-PART DOCUMENTARY ON PANAMA CANAL. CERTAIN POINTS, HOWEVER, DESERVE CLARIFICATION OR ELABORATION, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING POINTS BY NOON PARIS TIME MARCH 16.

A. LENGTHY SCENE SHOWS NATIONAL GUARD (GN) TROOPS IN TRAINING CHANTING ANTI-U.S. SLOGANS. WOULD APPRECIATE BASIC FIGURES RE PROPORTIONS OF GN ARMS PROVIDED BY U.S.

B. FILM BLAMES UNITED FRUIT COMPANY FOR BREAK-DOWN OF CERTAIN LABOR OR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN 1974. WOULD APPRECIATE BASIC FACTS OF DISPUTE.

C. SOME BLACK AND WHITE SCENES SHOW STREET FIGHTING AND LISTS CASUALTY FIGURES DURING PERIOD OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOTTEST CONFRONTATION. BRIEF SUMMARY OF MOST SERIOUS STREET CONFRONTATIONS AND TOLL WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

D. LAST SCENE SHOWS FRENCH SPEAKING GN SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIER USING ELABORATE MARXIST PHRASEOLOGY TO CALL FOR ARMED EXPULSION OF U.S. FORCES IF TALKS FAIL. DOES SUCH SPECIAL FORCES UNIT EXIST?

TO WHAT EXTENT IS SUCH SENTIMENT PREVALENT WITHIN
MILITARY AND POPULACE?

2. WE WILL DRAW ON RECENT GUIDANCE TO SHOW
SINCERITY AND REAL DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES IN SEEKING
AGREEMENT ON NEW TREATY AND TRY HAVE PROGRAM CONCLUDE
ON POSITIVE RATHER THAN EMOTIONAL NOTE.
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